

**REMARKS**

The additional new "method" claims submitted herein are based on subject matter within the scope of the application as filed. For example, the Examiner's attention is invited to page 91, lines 6-29 wherein Applicants refer to the use of an interferon in combination with the compounds of the present invention. No new matter is submitted and entry of the new claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate that some of the new claims presented herein depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, recently canceled and intended to be re-presented in a continuing application. These present new claims, specifically claims 91-93 and 100, similarly will be cancelled (and re-presented along with the claim 1) when the present application is in condition for allowance, except for the presence of such claims.

Finally, as discussed in the Amendment and Response filed Dec. 16, 2004 with regard to other pending "method" claims in the subject application, new claims 94-99 and 101-103 use or comprise compounds which the Examiner has previously indicated are allowable (or, as Applicants noted, are related and should be allowable), and, therefore, should similarly be allowable. It is respectfully suggested that this will promote the efficient use of the time and assets of the Office as well as Applicants. Due consideration of this proposal is earnestly solicited.

As it is believed that all of issues set forth in the pending Official Action continue to be fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all appropriate claims are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at

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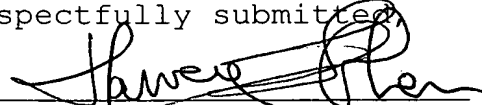
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(908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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